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Petition According to 37 CFR 1.181(a) Requesting Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment

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Sir:

This petition is filed in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed 12/09/02, issued by the U.S. Patent Office to Applicants for failing to respond to the outstanding Issue Fee.

Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. Applicants submit that the application is not in fact abandoned because a search of the file jacket and docket records indicate that the Notice of Allowance, mailed on 7/26/02, was not received by the Attorney of Record or the office of the Attorney of Record. As evidence of the nonreceipt of the Notice of Allowance, a copy of the docket report, in which the nonreceived Notice of Allowance would have been entered had it been received and docketed, is attached as Attachment A.

Applicants acknowledge and agree with the Examiner's amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance.

Based on the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, Applicants have submitted a new set of drawings to overcome the Draftperson's objections. Specifically, the Draftsperson has objected to the top margin on all sheets and to connected reference numerals on Figures 2 and 3. The drawing sheets enclosed herein, containing Figures 1-7, have acceptable margins. Also, newly submitted Figures 2 and 3 have reference numerals separated.

The Issue Fee Transmittal, properly signed by applicants' attorney, is enclosed herein for filing in the case.

According to MPEP 711.03(c) I, withdrawal of abandonment is conditioned on the petition being accompanied by a terminal disclaimer; a terminal disclaimer is enclosed herein.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Petition, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No.06-1505.

Respectfully submitted,

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